

# Teen Pregnancy – What You Need to Know PSA (:60)

Having a child during the teen years comes at a high cost to the young mother, her child, and the community. Only about half of teen moms get their high school diploma. Hispanic and black teen girls are more likely to get pregnant than white teens.

Help break the cycle of teen pregnancy.

Encourage healthy relationships. Talk about sex, pregnancy, and the potential of dating violence.

Sexually active teens need easy, teen-friendly services, including affordable, effective birth control.

Encourage teens to avoid situations where they may be pressured to have sex, such as parties where drugs or alcohol are available.

Teens who participate in programs that keep them in school and teach life skills, such as pregnancy prevention, make healthier sexual decisions.

Over the past 20 years, more and more teens have avoided pregnancy, still, everyday, 1100 teen girls in the U.S. get pregnant.

Learn more at [www.cdc.gov/teenpregnancy](http://www.cdc.gov/teenpregnancy).